



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chudoba et al.) Attorney reference: 25048-15
Serial No.: 09/250,466) Examiner: J. Lundgren
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Title: Method of Identifying Changes in Biopolymers)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment simultaneously with the filing of a continuation application regarding the above referenced application. The referenced application was unintentionally abandoned, and a Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application is also being filed simultaneously herewith.

Prior to examination on the merits of the continuation application, Applicants request that the application be amended by the following amendments to the claims. Consideration of the following Remarks is also requested.

Amendment

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 14 and 17 - 26.

Please add new claims 31 - 55. These new claims are set forth in the Appendix that is attached hereto.